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**Crop Production
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SEPTEMBER CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

North Dakota

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 88.5 million bushels, down 12 percent from the August forecast but 2 percent above 2002, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 29 bushels per harvested acre, down 4 bushels from the August forecast and last year. Acreage to be harvested is estimated at 3.05 million acres, a record high if realized.

Corn production is forecast at 130 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August forecast but still a record high if realized. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 104 bushels per harvested acre, down 11 bushels from the August forecast and from 2002. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.25 million acres, up from 995,000 acres last year.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 5.98 million tons, up from the August forecast of 5.91 million tons and 4.80 million tons last year. The average yield per harvested acre is expected to be 21.5 tons, 2.9 tons higher than 2002. Acreage to be harvested is estimated at 278,000 acres, up 20,000 acres when compared to last year.

The crop production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers on or around September 1. This report is based on conditions at that time and assumes no extreme conditions during the remainder of the crop season.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, down 8 percent from the August forecast and 3 percent below 2002. Yields are expected to average 36.4 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from August. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.6 million acres, unchanged from August but up 1 percent from the 2002 acreage.

Corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 10 percent above 2002. Yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record. Acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 71.8 million acres, down slightly from August but up 4 percent from 2002.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.7 million tons, slightly above the August forecast and 11 percent above last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.35 million acres, higher than the August estimate but 1 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 22.8 tons per acre, 0.1 ton above the August forecast and 2.4 tons above 2002.

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CROP SUMMARY: AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2002 and FORECASTED SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 ^{1/}

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Barley	1,600	2,100	1,240	2,050	5,073	5,461	4,135	4,899
Corn for Grain ^{2/}	1,230	1,450	995	1,250	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,815
Corn for Silage			180				7,490	
Hay, All			3,300	2,950			64,497	64,379
Alfalfa			1,450	1,550			23,135	23,541
All Other			1,850	1,400			41,362	40,838
Oats	670	620	290	340	5,005	4,676	2,098	2,331
Rye	10	18	9	16	1,395	1,373	286	302
Wheat, All	9,080	8,430	7,920	8,262	60,358	60,940	45,817	52,677
Winter	80	130	70	112	41,735	44,349	29,651	36,491
Durum	2,100	1,900	1,950	1,850	2,909	2,804	2,703	2,738
Other Spring	6,900	6,400	5,900	6,300	15,714	13,787	13,463	13,448
Canola	1,300	1,050	1,160	1,020	1,459	1,201	1,275	1,163
Flaxseed	750	550	680	540	785	583	704	572
Mustard Seed ^{3/}					191.0	96.5	175.0	94.2
Rapeseed ^{3/}					3.4	1.6	3.1	1.5
Safflower ^{3/}					219	213	196	198
Soybeans	2,670	3,100	2,630	3,050	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,626
Sunflower, All	1,370	1,330	1,315	1,305	2,585	2,324	2,205	2,255
Oil	1,150	1,150	1,105	1,130	2,125		1,837	
Non-oil	220	180	210	175	460		368	
Sugarbeets	265	280	258	278	1,427.3	1,364.7	1,361.1	1348.1
Dry Edible Beans, All	790.0	600.0	690.0	570.0	1,922.1	1,501.2	1,726.9	1,417.8
Navy	180.0	86.0	151.0		345.3	190.7	305.7	
Pinto	515.0	450.0	460.0		813.3	700.8	725.3	
Black Turtle	60.0	27.0	51.0		196.8	94.0	183.4	
Dark Red Kidney	7.0	6.0	5.1		70.5	62.6	64.0	
Pinks	9.0	10.0	7.8		34.8	34.5	32.8	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	8.6	5.0	6.2		82.1	52.0	70.9	
Large ^{4/}		4.0				42.5		
Small ^{4/}		1.0				9.5		
Great Northern	5.8	8.0	4.9		93.8	108.1	82.1	
Other	4.6	8.0	4.0		285.5	258.5	262.7	
Dry Edible Peas	155	170	138	160	302.7	356.0	279.7	334.0
Lentils	53	55	47	53	221.0	246.0	209.0	240.0
Fall Potatoes, All	118.0	118.0	102.0	110.0	1,138.8	1,114.4	1,109.4	1,093.4
Irrigated ^{5/ 6/}	36.0		34.5					
Types, Reds ^{6/}	19.0	26.0	14.5					
Whites ^{6/}	47.5	38.9	40.0					
Russets ^{6/}	51.5	53.1	47.5					

1/ Data are latest estimates available. 2/ Area planted for all purposes. 3/ Published at U.S. level only. 4/ Estimates began in 2003. 5/ Included in all potatoes. 6/ Published at state level only.

CROP SUMMARY: YIELD AND PRODUCTION
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2002 and FORECASTED SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 ^{1/}

Crop	Unit	North Dakota					United States				
		Yield ^{2/}			Production		Yield ^{2/}			Production	
		2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
			Aug 1	Sep 1				Aug 1	Sep 1		
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Barley ^{3/}	Bu	46.0	55.0	55.0	57,040	112,750	54.9	57.5	57.5	226,873	281,475
Corn for Grain	Bu	115.0	115.0	104.0	114,425	130,000	130.0	139.9	138.5	9,007,659	9,944,418
Corn for Silage	Tons	7.0			1,260		14.0			104,979	
Hay, All ^{3/}	Tons	1.19	1.49	1.49	3,920	4,385	2.34	2.49	2.49	150,962	160,018
Alfalfa ^{3/}	Tons	1.30	1.70	1.70	1,885	2,635	3.19	3.31	3.31	73,824	77,952
All Other ^{3/}	Tons	1.10	1.25	1.25	2,035	1,750	1.86	2.01	2.01	77,138	82,066
Oats ^{3/}	Bu	44.0	56.0	56.0	12,760	19,040	56.8	64.9	64.9	119,132	151,345
Rye	Bu	38.0			342		24.4			6,985	
Wheat, All	Bu	27.3			216,610		35.3	43.5	43.5	1,616,441	2,291,825
Winter	Bu	38.0			2,660		38.5	46.9	46.9	1,142,802	1,712,150
Durum ^{3/}	Bu	25.0	27.0	27.0	48,750	49,950	29.4	31.9	31.9	79,450	87,355
Other Spring ^{3/}	Bu	28.0	36.0	36.0	165,200	226,800	29.3	36.6	36.6	394,189	492,320
Canola	Lbs	1,230			1,426,800		1,218			1,552,520	
Flaxseed	Bu	18.0			12,240		17.9			12,569	
Mustard Seed ^{4/}	Lbs						705			123,450	
Rapeseed ^{4/}	Lbs						1,461			4,530	
Safflower ^{4/}	Lbs						1,520			297,980	
Soybeans	Bu	33.0	33.0	29.0	86,790	88,450	37.8	39.4	36.4	2,729,709	2,642,644
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,300			1,710,050		1,133			2,497,236	
Oil	Lbs	1,310			1,447,550		1,128			2,072,410	
Non-oil	Lbs	1,250			262,500		1,154			424,826	
Sugarbeets	Tons	18.6	21.5	21.5	4,799	5,977	20.4	22.7	22.8	27,718	30,673
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{3/ 5/}	Cwt	1,540	1,550	1,550	10,626	8,835	1,736	1,717	1,717	29,974	24,344
Navy ^{5/}	Cwt	1,550			2,340		1,735			5,304	
Pinto ^{5/}	Cwt	1,560			7,184		1,776			12,880	
Black Turtle ^{5/}	Cwt	1,350			689		1,698			3,114	
Dark Red Kidney ^{5/}	Cwt	1,330			68		1,680			1,075	
Pinks ^{5/}	Cwt	1,590			124		1,851			607	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) ^{5/}	Cwt	1,470			91		1,182			838	
Large ^{5/ 6/}	Cwt										
Small ^{5/ 6/}	Cwt										
Great Northern ^{5/}	Cwt	1,510			74		1,882			1,545	
Other ^{5/}	Cwt	1,400			56		1,755			4,611	
Dry Edible Peas ^{5/}	Cwt	1,450			2,001		1,517			4,242	
Lentils ^{5/}	Cwt	1,100			517		1,200			2,508	
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	230			23,460		373			414,317	
Irrigated ^{7/ 8/}	Cwt	300			10,350						
Types, Reds ^{8/}	Cwt	178			2,580						
Whites ^{8/}	Cwt	181			7,250						
Russets ^{8/}	Cwt	287			13,630						

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